

Dear Federal Communication Commissioners:

I wish to comment on the proposed plan to relax or eliminate rules on major media ownership. I urge you to put off a decision and not vote immediately on lifting the rules. A relaxation of the rules favors large media corporations reducing greatly the diversity of what we see in print and hear over the airways.

Consolidation of information in the hands of a few does not serve the public interest, and the FCC must insure that all voices are heard.

I've heard the opinion that there is already a great deal of competition in all but the smallest cities, and in small cities there tends to be little competition to begin with. I disagree, the media in the smaller cities is far more sensitive to local political, cultural, and economic interests than a large media corporation many miles away.

Please retain the current bans, caps and rules on media ownership and control.